



**Sweden**

*Ansluten till Business and Professional Women International*

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## **BPW Sweden report 2003 – 2004**

In May 2003 a new board of the Swedish Federation was elected at the National Meeting in Hudiksvall.

During autumn 2003 and spring 2004, the board published four issues of the printed membership news, (YK-Forum). A discussion about printing the news or only present news on the web had been going on for some time.

2004 we started a new electronic membership leaflet, which gives a brief report of what happens in gender research etc. to members who gave their mail-address to the office of the Federation (BPW-Nytt).

During November 2003 until March 2004 BPW Sweden did arrange six seminars in different places in the country about the proposal for a new EU-constitution. Swedish Government supported this financially. This September we did receive some more money to arrange seminars about what will happen after the last election to the EU Parliament.

February 2004 the President meeting in Stockholm took place.

Sweden joined the Hansa Network Meeting in Turku, Finland in June.

Late 2003 the young BPW started a Mentoring programme. Project leader is Ewa Fallenius, Young BPW participating in the Congress in Melbourne. The program has already shown a need for this type of activities and gave us also new members. The program will hopefully continue by a new group starting next year. The plan is to present the results at European Congress 2006 in Stockholm.

In June 2004 we started a network for women entrepreneurs in South Sweden.

Every year we do announce the Women of the Year Award. This gives us very good publicity and a chance to present BPW and our ideas.

BPW Sweden is member of Swedish Women's Lobby. The treasurer of EWL is a board member in Swedish Women's Lobby. We work together with other Women's Organisations in different networks, for example the CEDAW-network, studying and spreading information of the UN CEDAW. We also have cooperation with the 5-O, which are represented in Sweden. BPW is also engaged in the Swedish People's movement which every year, a weekend in October have a very large Congress, with lots of interesting seminars.

As a NGO of dignity we are represented in the advisory group of the Minister of Equality. We meet four times a year.

We are one of the organisations that get submission of the proposal for comment of propositions from the Government about women's issues.

At last I am proud to tell you that BPW Sweden has got subsidy of 250.000 SEK (28 000 €) from our Government.

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